



# SONIC

## THE COMIC

**SHINING  
FORCE!**

**SERIOUS  
ELF  
WARNING!**



**GRAPHIC  
ZONE!**



**HOWDY  
DOODLES!**



# WANTED TAILS!



**SONIC**  
SPINBALL WIZARD!



**KNUCKLES!**  
MASTER EMERALD!





YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

# CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

Or should I say 'Pardners'? Welcome to this rootin', tootin', wild rooster crowing issue of STC. Hold on tight as we gallop into the contents of the UK's only official Sega Comic.

That blue, beaverin' hedgehog, sure plays a mean complete story in **Sonic's Spinball Wizard**.

**Shining Force**, a mega-fab new series based on the successful Sega game, debuts this issue. Mixing magic, myth and mechanical marvels - let's hope it does your circuits a power of good.

You asked for him - and amazingly - those humes-who-think-they're-in-charge took notice! For all of you who wrote in demanding more Tails, the fabulous flying furry one is back with a price on his head in **Fox on the Run**.

Plus, **Knuckles** does a bit of D.I.Y. as he attempts to create a New **Master Emerald**. For those Boomers who want to know the secrets of Sega's energetic Echidna, brace yourselves for the first ever **Knuckles Special**. On sale 6 April, it contains forty-eight power-packed pages, including brand new stories, compos, a pin-up, a revealing interview with the red 'K' himself and a look-in from Chaotix too! Collector maniacs will love it, so stay tuned for more details.

Finally, check out your Howdy Doodles in **Graphic Zone**, plus there's a whole host of Boomers due for a handsome reward in the **Photo Zone**.

Hope some of you will be riding into the **UK Comic Art Convention** (see **UKCAC Zone**, STC 72) on Sunday, 3 March. Remember, the action starts at 3.00pm at the Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London WC1, so lasso an adult-hume to take you along!

*Megadroid*

## HUME ERROR - STC 70

Apologies to everyone expecting to find the usual shiny pages inside this issue. Unfortunately, Badniks were about and managed to track down the printer's address.

Thankfully, the contents remained intact, even if they weren't displayed on STC's usual paper.



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### MEGA DRIVE

- 1 ● FIFA SOCCER '96
- 2 ● PREMIER MANAGER
- 3 ↑ SONIC AND KNUCKLES
- 4 ↓ MICRO MACHINES '96
- 5 ● MICKEY MANIA
- 6 ↓ PGA TOUR GOLF '96
- 7 RE MICRO MACHINES 2
- 8 RE ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 9 ● BRIAN LARA CRICKET
- 10 NEW EARTHWORM JIM 2

### MEGA-CD

- 1 RE B.C. RACERS
- 2 ↓ EARTHWORM JIM
- 3 ↓ SOULSTAR
- 4 RE LETHAL ENFORCERS
- 5 ↑ WORLD CUP USA '94
- 6 ↓ ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 7 ↓ BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY
- 8 ↑ FIFA INTERNATIONAL SOCCER
- 9 NEW LETHAL ENFORCERS 2
- 10 ↓ TOMCAT ALLEY

### MASTER SYSTEM

- 1 ↑ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 2 ↑ JAMES POND 2: ROBOCOP
- 3 ↑ STREETS OF RAGE
- 4 ↑ ECCO THE DOLPHIN
- 5 NEW WOLFCHILD
- 6 ↑ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 7 ↑ ROBOCOP V TERMINATOR
- 8 ↑ DESERT STRIKE
- 9 RE BATMAN RETURNS
- 10 NEW WIMBLEDON TENNIS 2

### GAME GEAR

- 1 ↑ CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS
- 2 ● STAR TREK GENERATIONS
- 3 RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 4 NEW PRIMAL RAGE
- 5 ↓ SONIC DRIFT RACING
- 6 ↓ DRAGON: THE BRUCE LEE STORY
- 7 RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 8 NEW PHANTOM 2010
- 9 NEW POWER RANGERS: THE MOVIE
- 10 ↓ SONIC CHAOS



THE PLANET MOBIUS (STILL  
RULED BY ROBOTNIK).

# SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

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KEITH PAGE

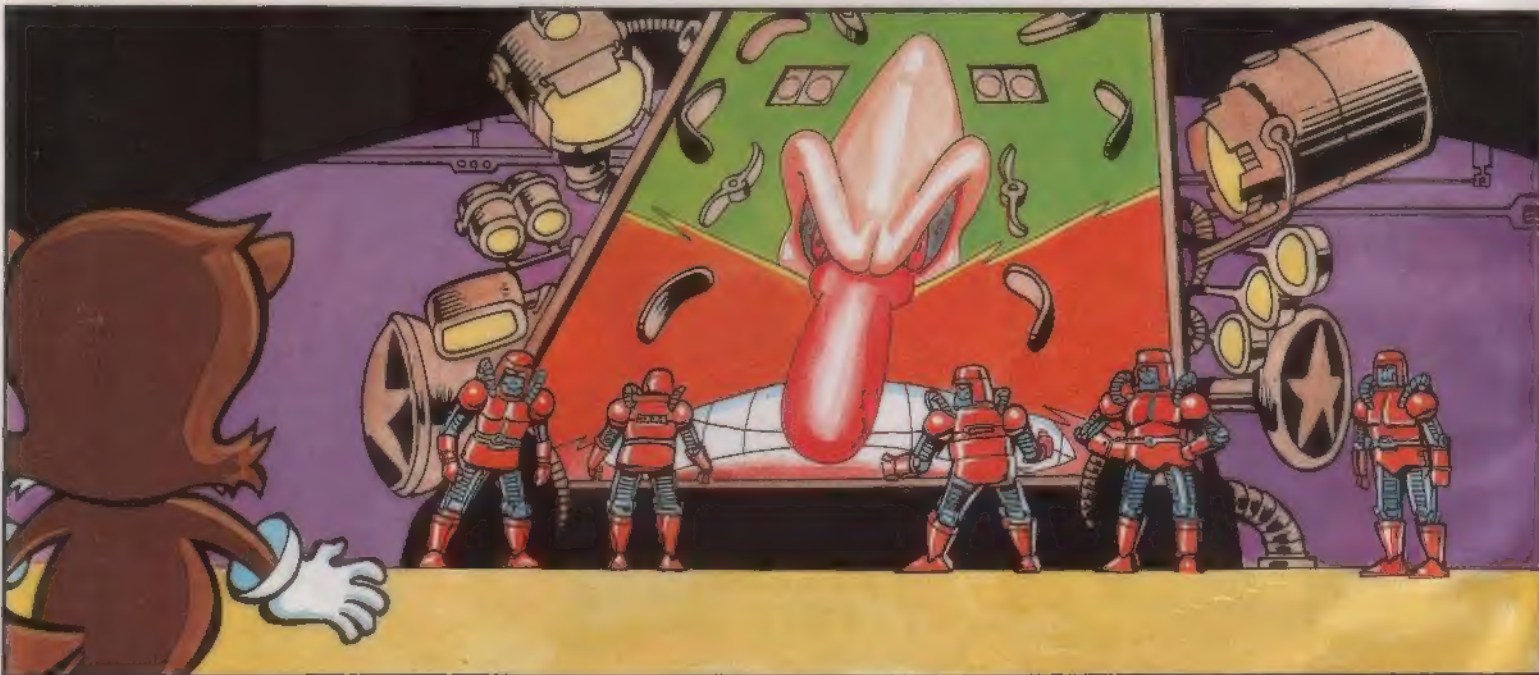
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## Spinball Wizard

COMPLETE  
STORY











THIS IS NO TIME TO SIT AROUND LOOKING COOL, SONIC! TAILS IS IN BIG TROUBLE!

?GROAN? NOT AGAIN! WHAT'S THAT FURBALL DONE THIS TIME?

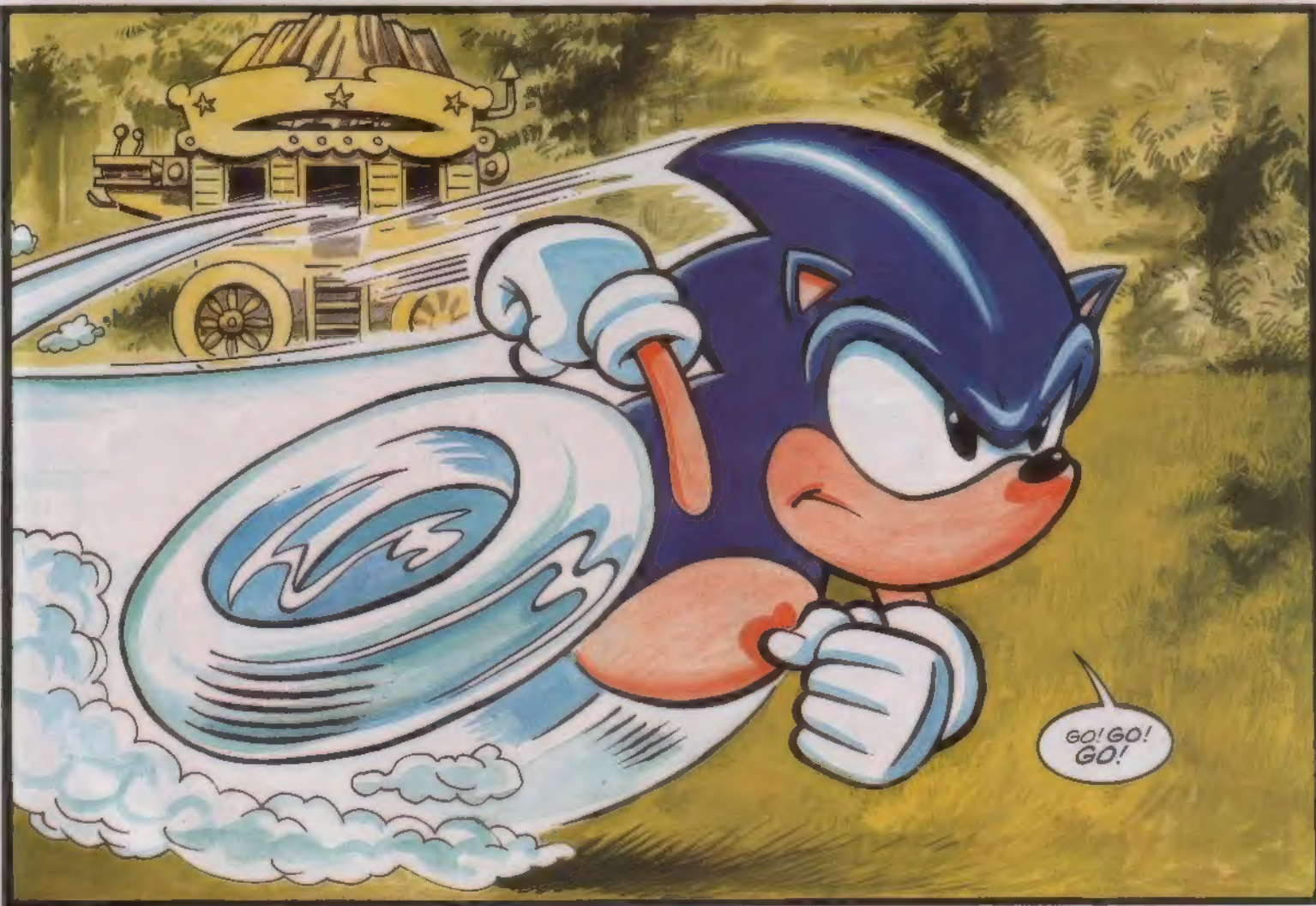


HE'S BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE IN THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE! THAT DUMB FOX WALKED RIGHT INTO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S LATEST HI-TECH TRAP!

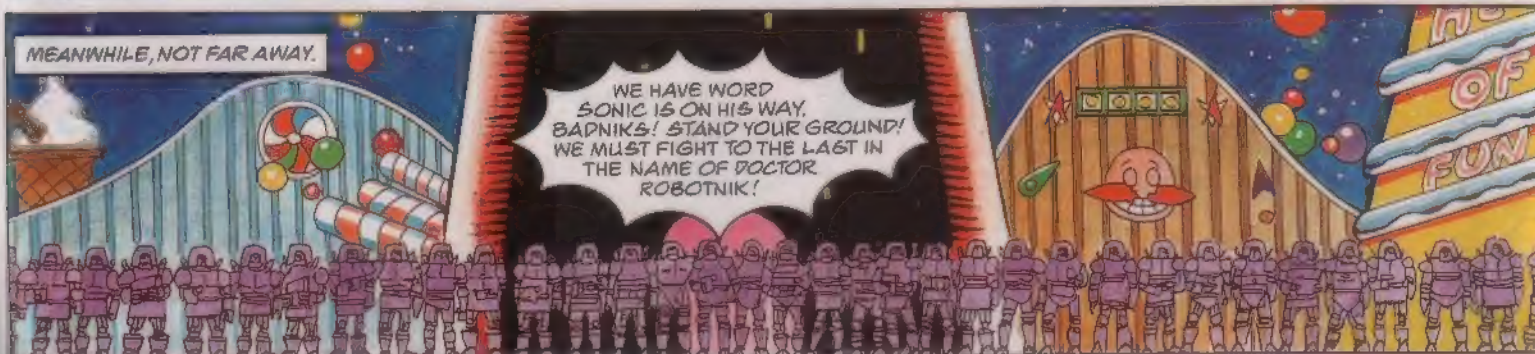


CASINO NIGHT ZONE, HUH? SOUNDS LIKE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION!

OH BOY! THOSE CREEPS ARE IN FOR IT NOW! SONIC IS UNBEATABLE IN HIS POWER SNEAKERS!



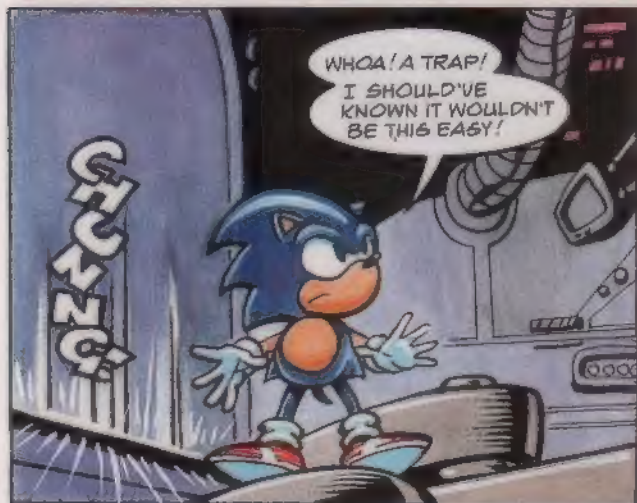
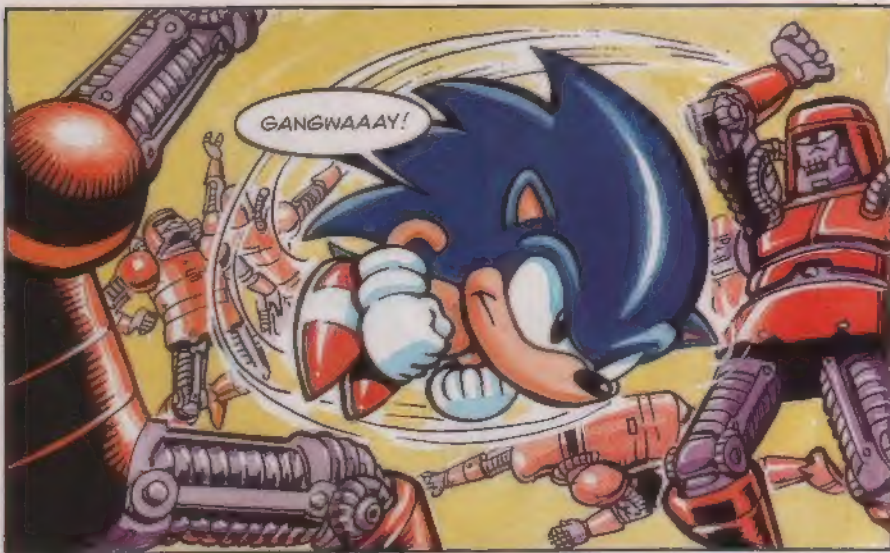
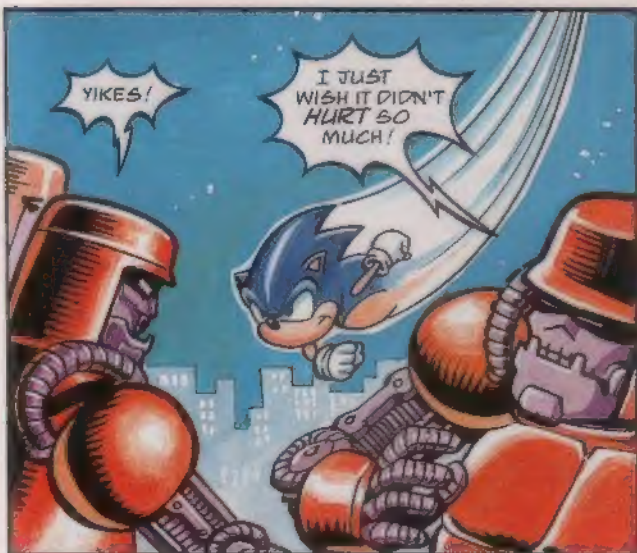
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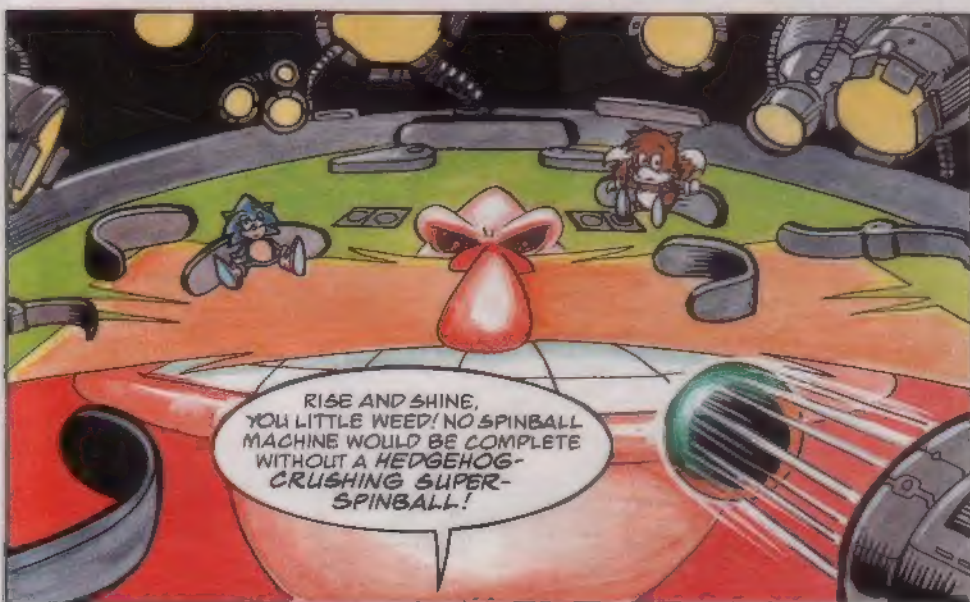
MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY.

WE HAVE WORD SONIC IS ON HIS WAY. BADNIKS! STAND YOUR GROUND! WE MUST FIGHT TO THE LAST IN THE NAME OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

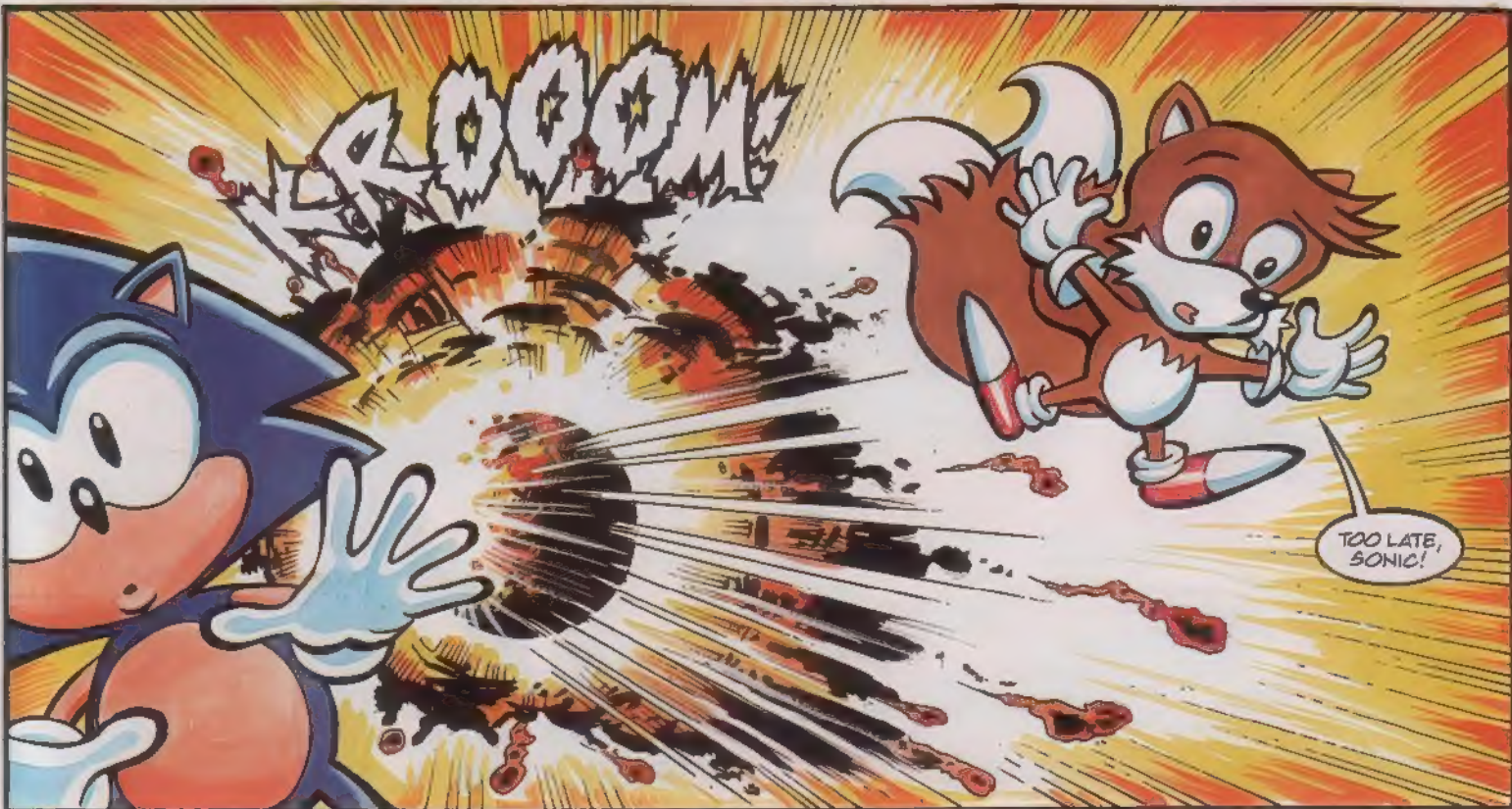
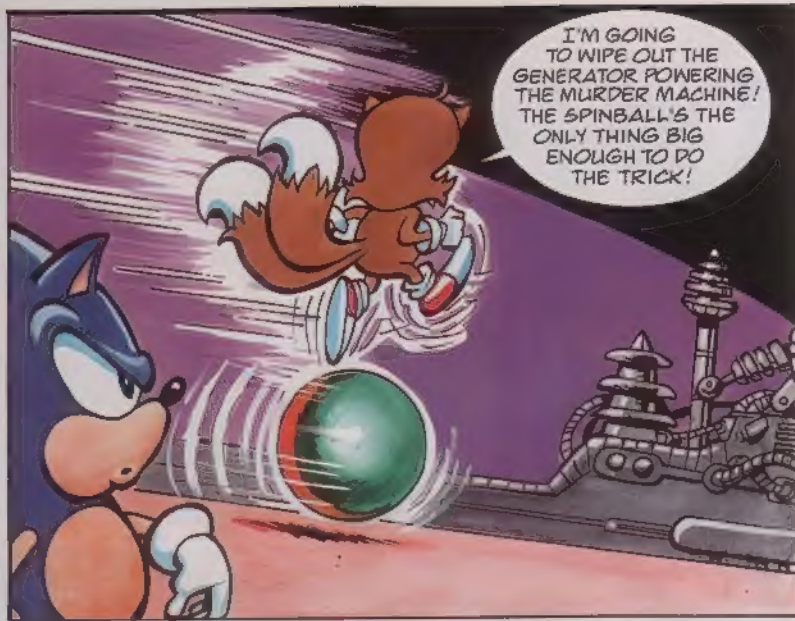
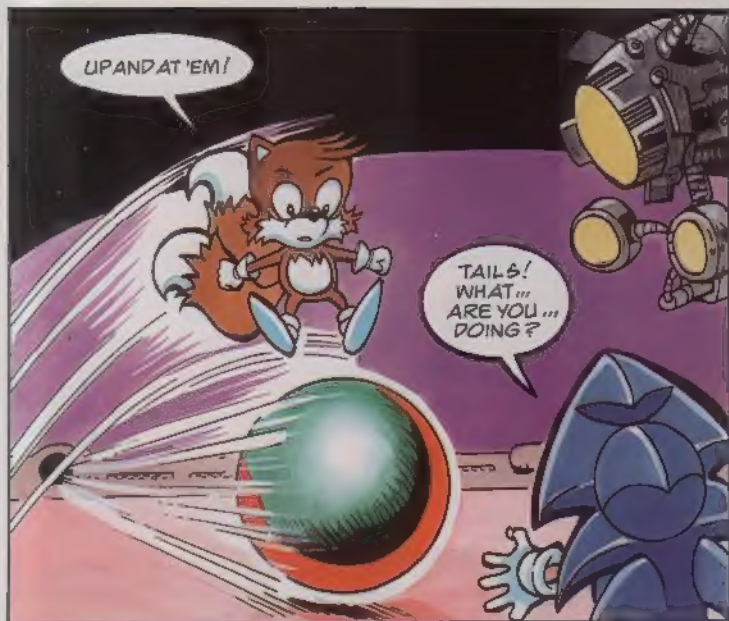




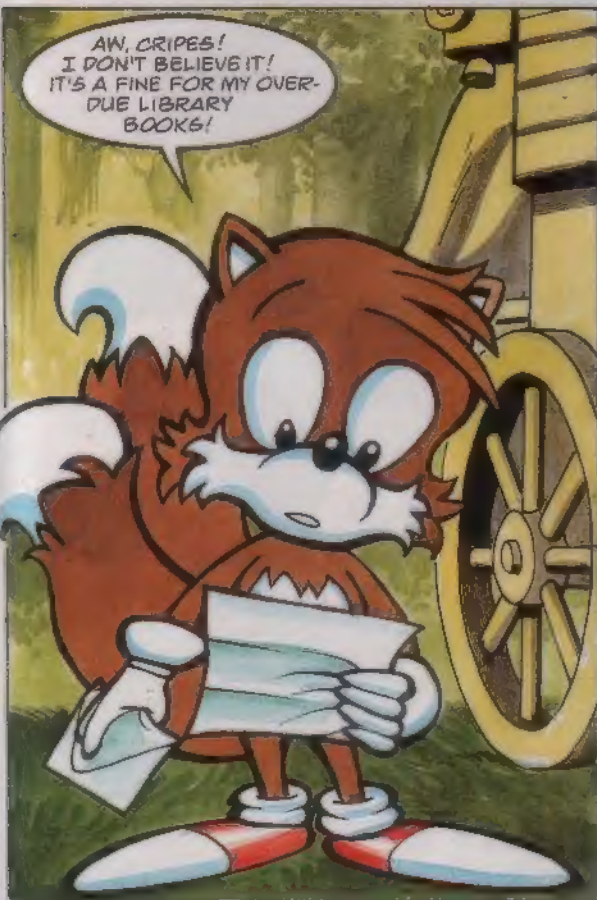
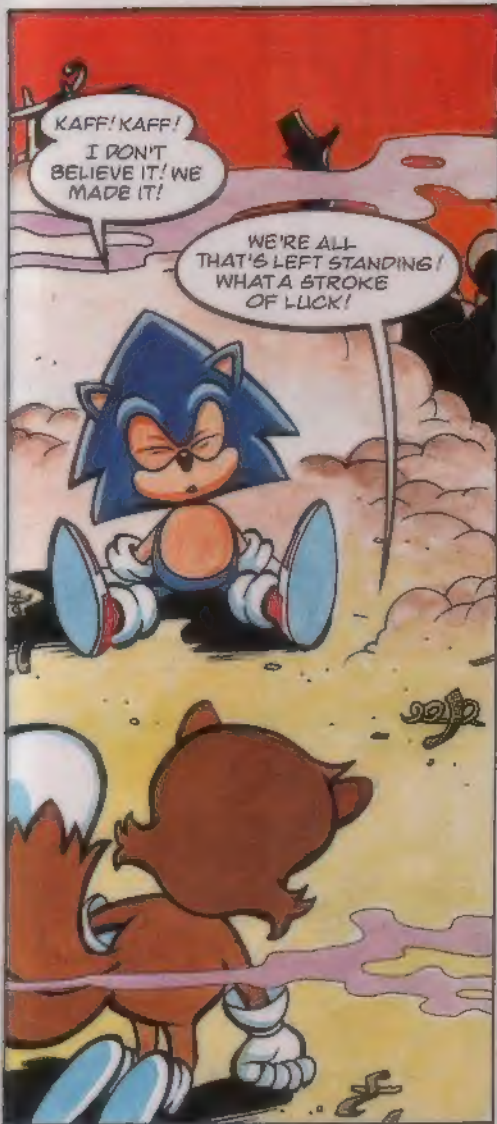














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trousers!

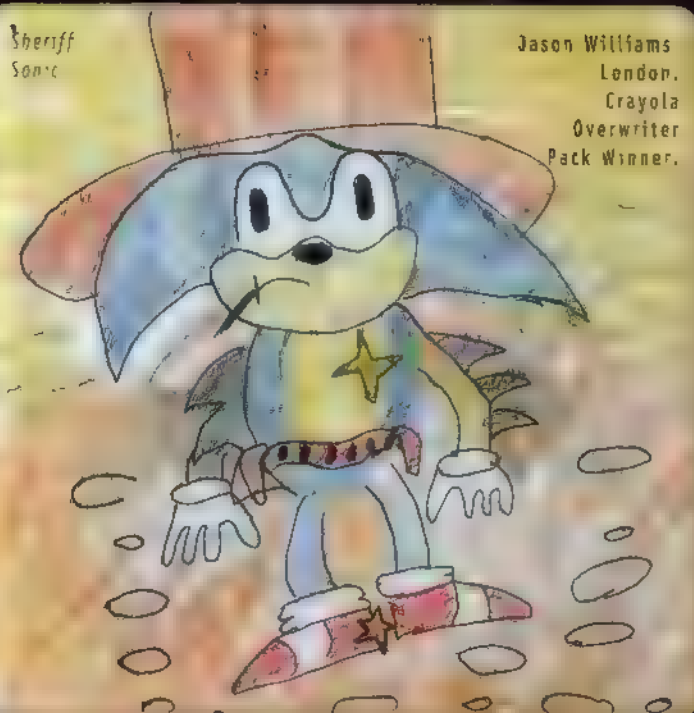


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Who stole my horse?



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punk make  
my day.

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# KNUCKLES

by NIGEL KITCHING

art by JIM HARRIS

ELIYA FELL

## NEW MASTER EMERALD

COMPLETE STORY



KNUCKLES HAS SUCCEEDED IN ACQUIRING A NEW EMERALD FOR THE EMERALD CHAMBER.

IT HAS TAKEN HIM DAYS TO CUT THE RAW GEM INTO SHAPE. NOW, HE BEGINS THE FINAL STAGE...

SO FAR, SO GOOD...



SINCE DOCTOR ZACHARY'S ROBOT DESTROYED THE MASTER EMERALD I'VE HAD TO USE ITS HEAD AS A REPLACEMENT\*

\*THE ROBOT ABSORBED ALL THE EMERALD POWER, SEE GTC #67



IF THIS WORKS, ALL THE POWER SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THIS NEW MASTER EMERALD!

AND I'VE GOT TO ADMIT IT'S LOOKING PROMISING





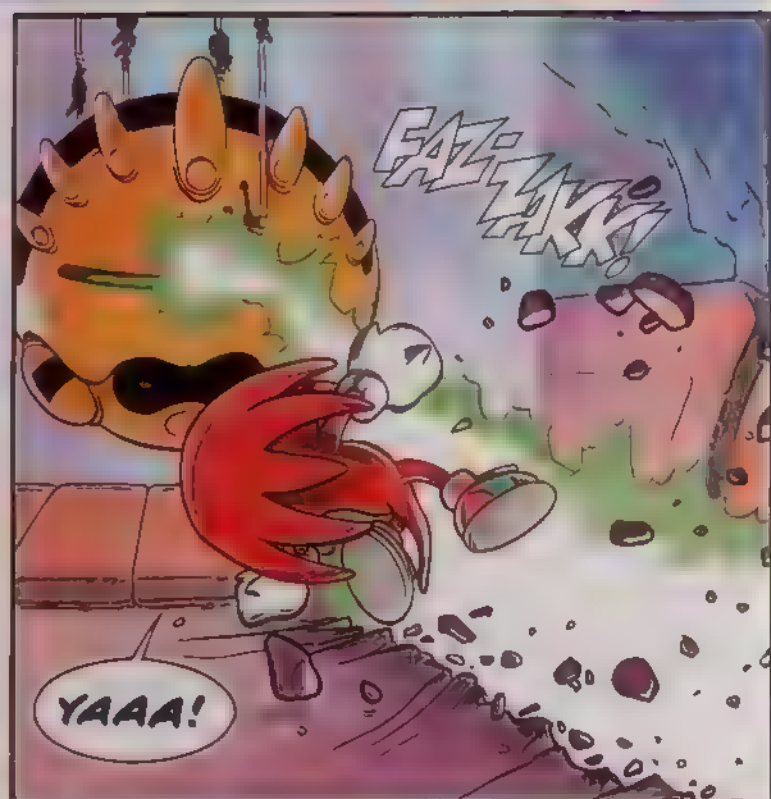
LUCKY WHEN  
I DEFEATED THE ROBOT  
I MANAGED TO KEEP  
HOLD OF ITS HEAD!

BOY.. I NEVER  
WANT TO FACE ANYTHING  
AS TOUGH AS THIS GUY  
AGAIN!



ZUUUUUM!

WH.  
WHAT?



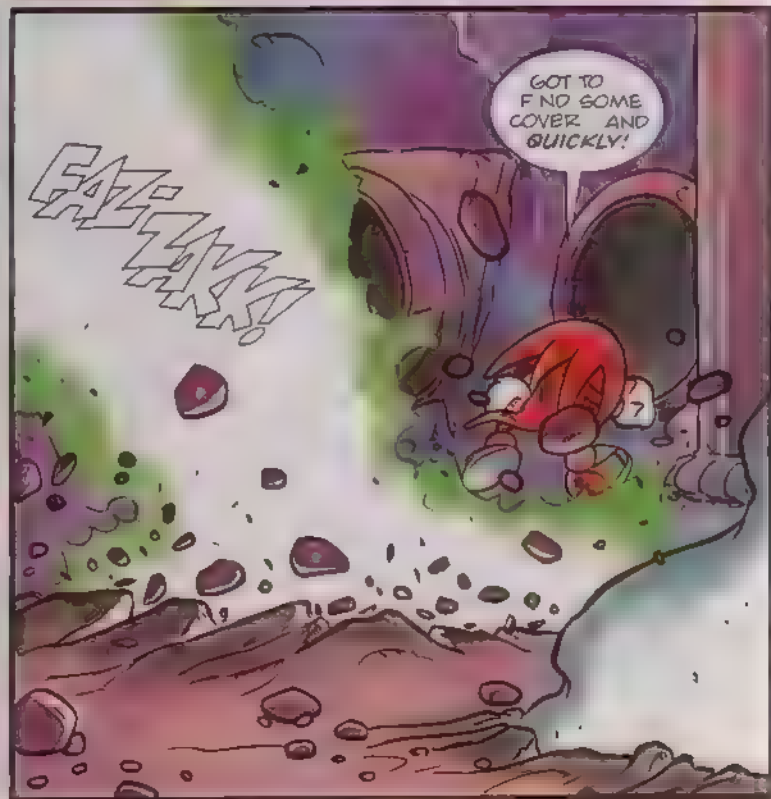
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YAAA!



I DON'T  
GET IT! I THOUGHT  
THIS THING WAS OUT OF  
COMMISSION!

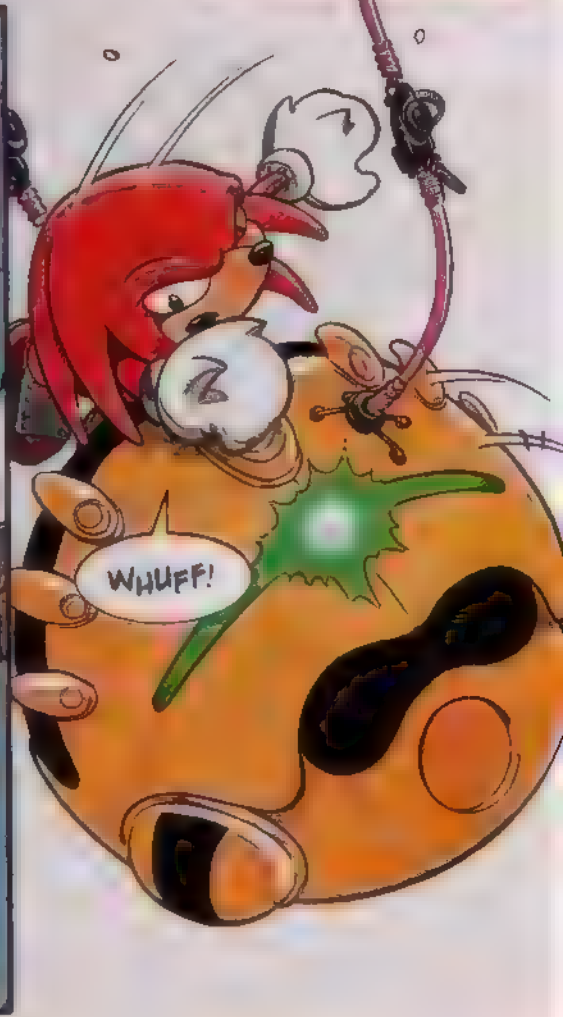
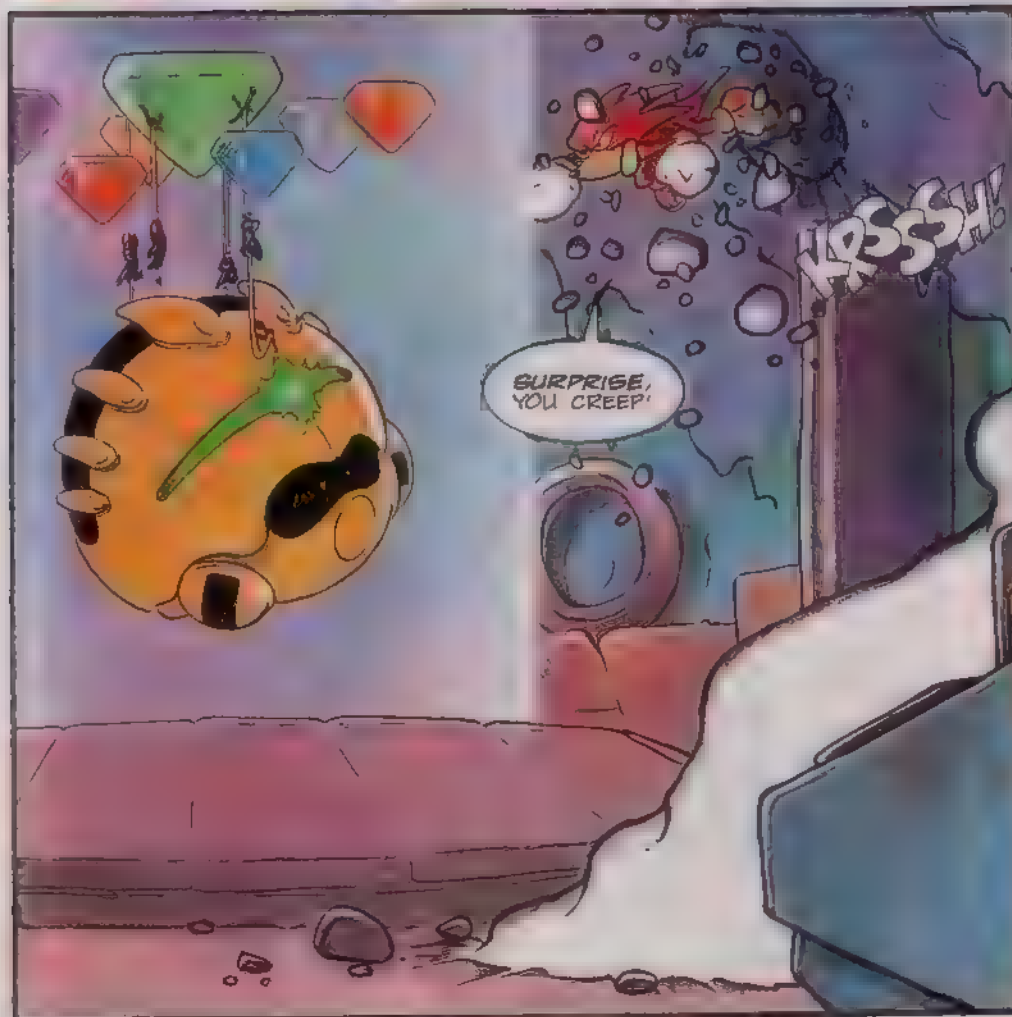
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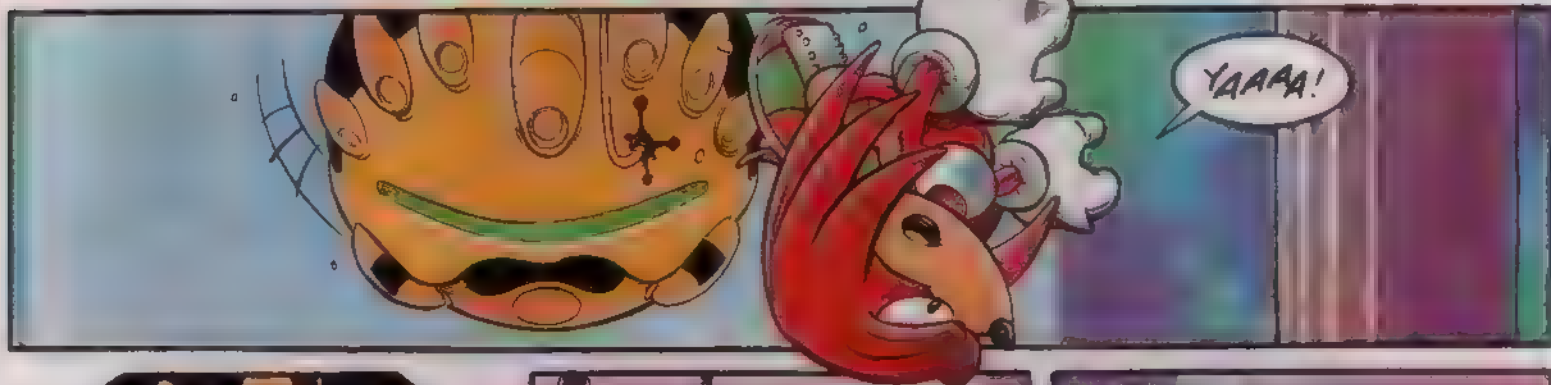
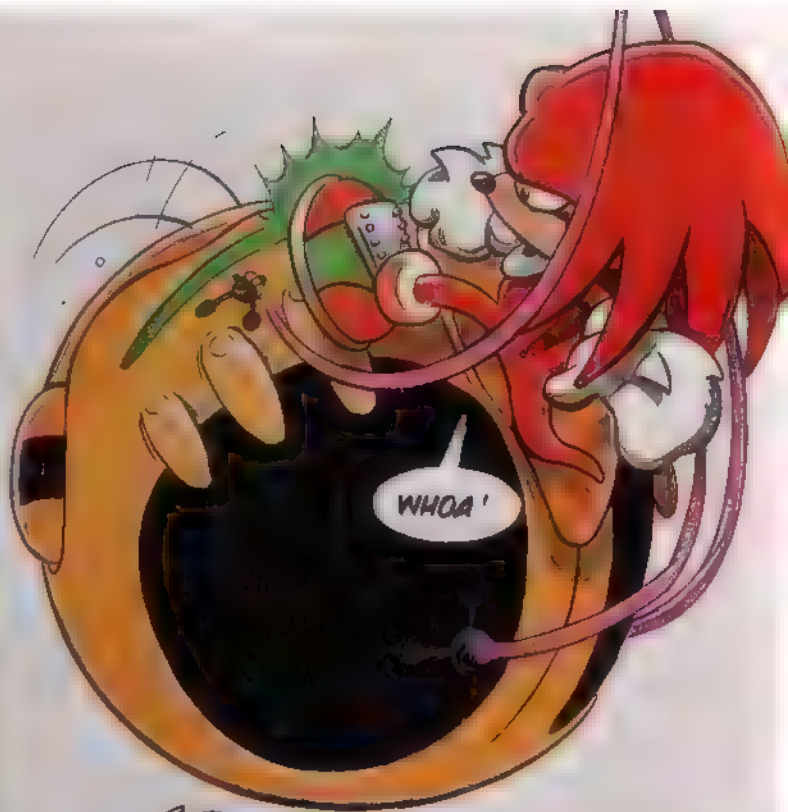
GOT TO  
FIND SOME  
COVER AND  
QUICKLY!

FAZZZZZZ!

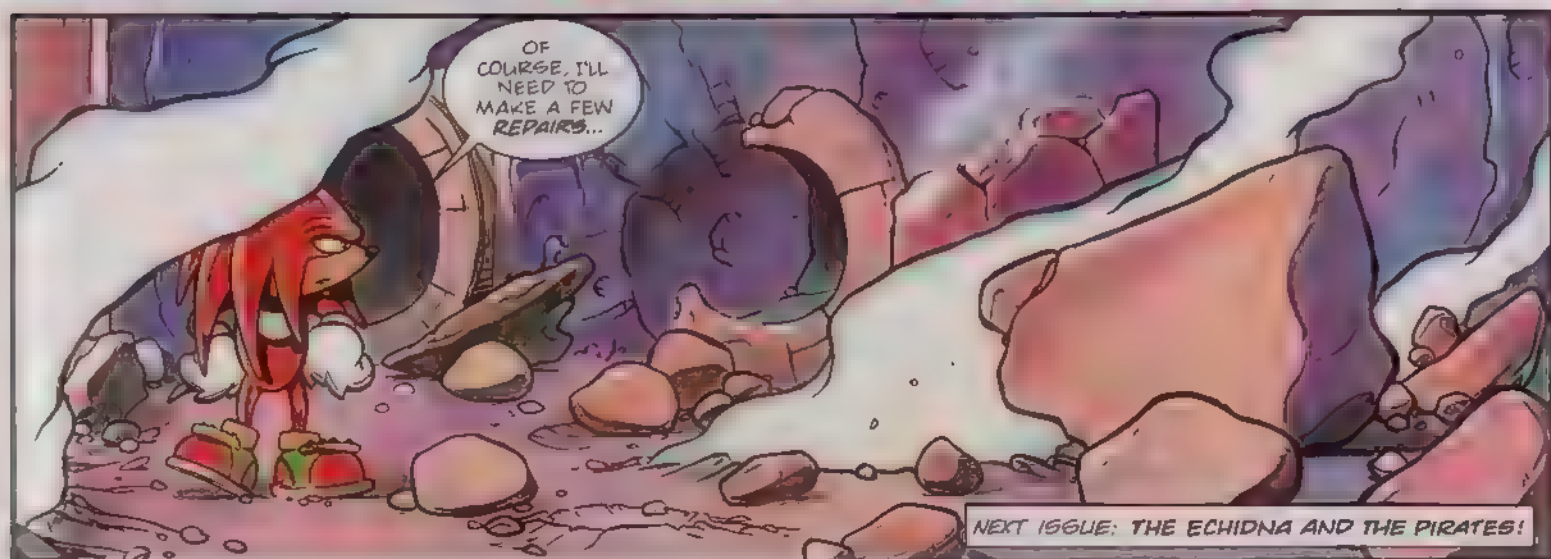
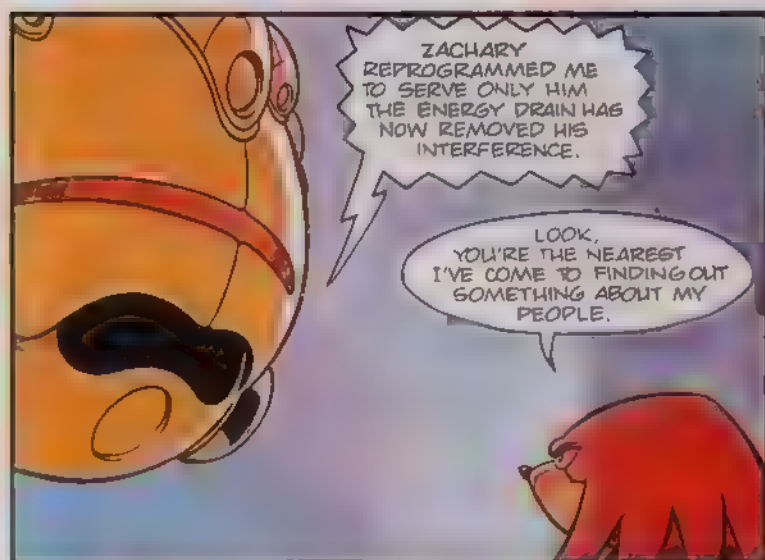
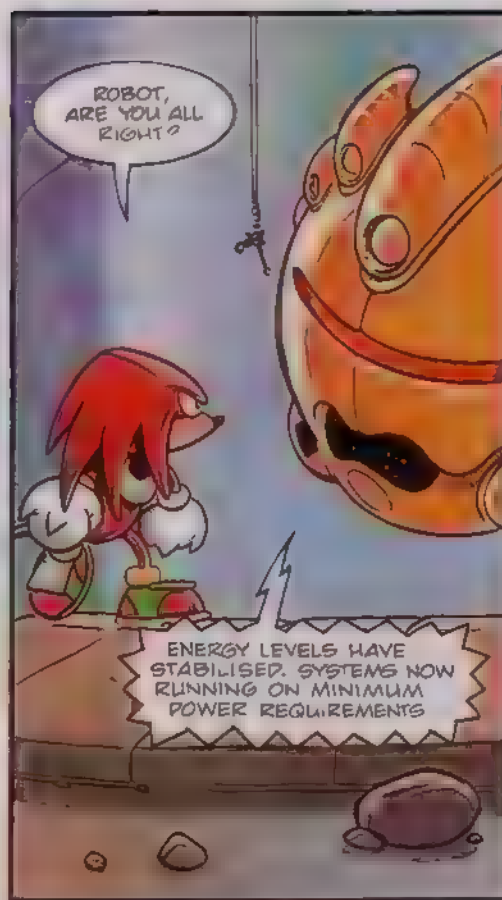
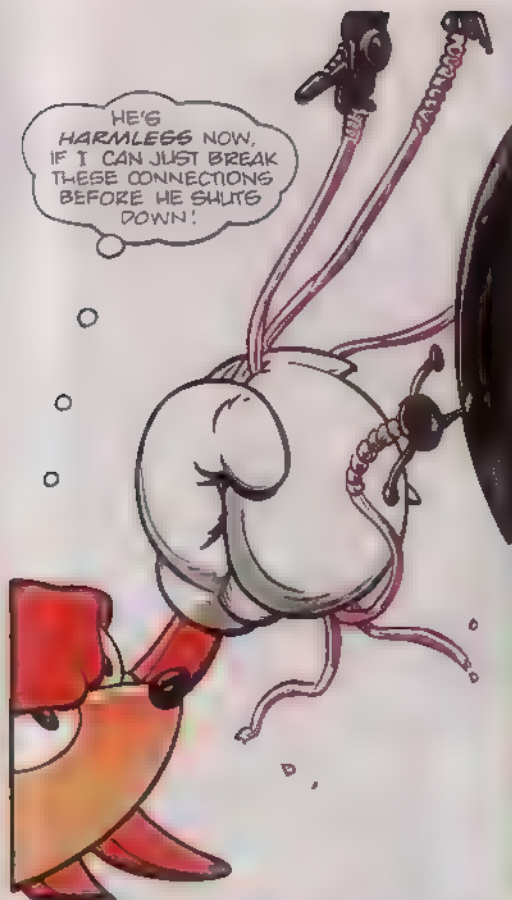














YOU COULD WIN A SENSATIONAL  
SEGA SONIC & KNUCKLES  
DISPOSABLE CAMERA (PICTURED  
RIGHT), COMPLETE WITH 27  
FULL-COLOUR FUJI EXPOSURE.  
SIMPLY GET CLICKING AND  
SEND YOUR PHOTO'S PRONTS TO:

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# PHOTO ZONE



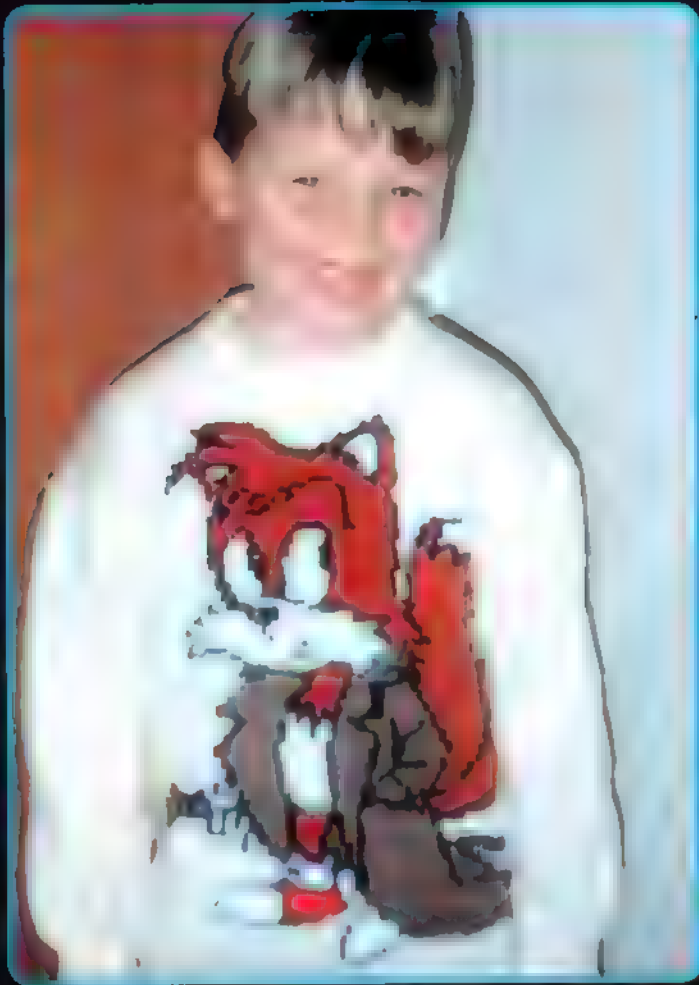
Perry the horse (sent in by Michael the hame), Wigton, Lancs.  
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Helen Walter Swan, Chilton, Oxfordshire. MD Owner.  
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Wendy Jordan's pic of grandsons Paul, Timothy & Simon, Exeter.  
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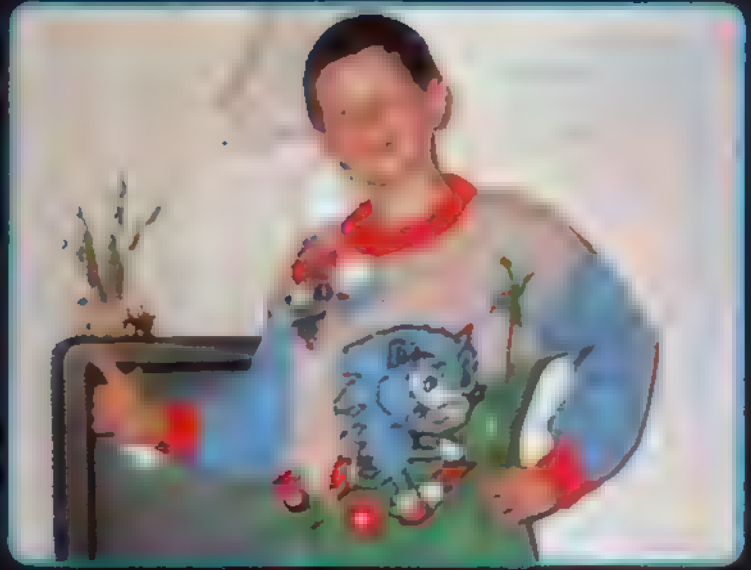


David Love, Stafford. GC Owner.  
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.





Booster Forrester (left) Stephen Pinnick, Brown-spruce-hill, Idaho  
 Spots & Mushing Jimmy, Kansas



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~~WORK~~  
~~REST~~  
PLAY





# SHINING FORCE

THE CURSE OF ZEON

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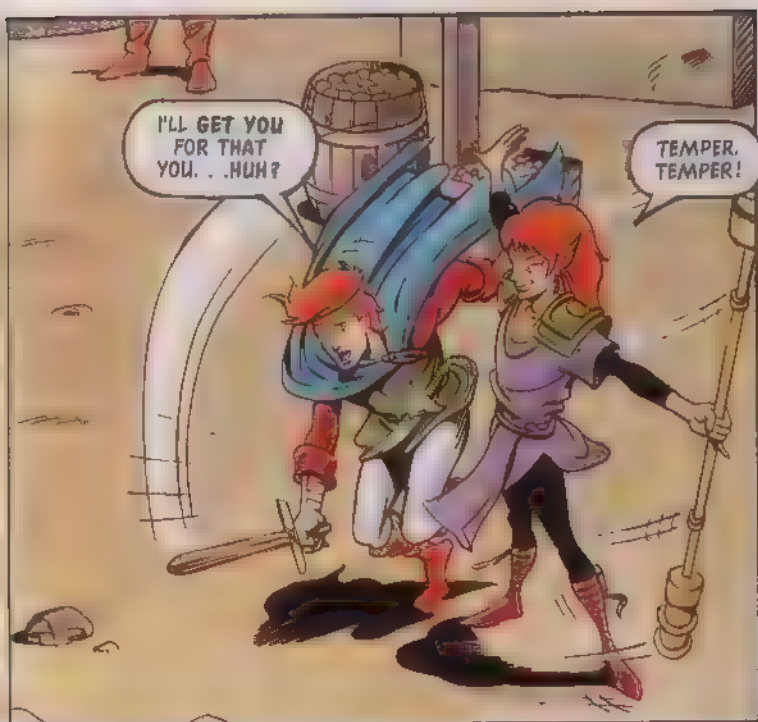
GRANSEAL ISLAND IN THE KINGDOM OF RUNE. A LAND THAT HAS KNOWN PEACE FOR GENERATIONS.

AT THE HEART OF THE ISLAND IS THE ANCIENT TOWER, THE ONE REMINDER OF DAYS LONG GONE. . .THE DARK DAYS OF ZEON.

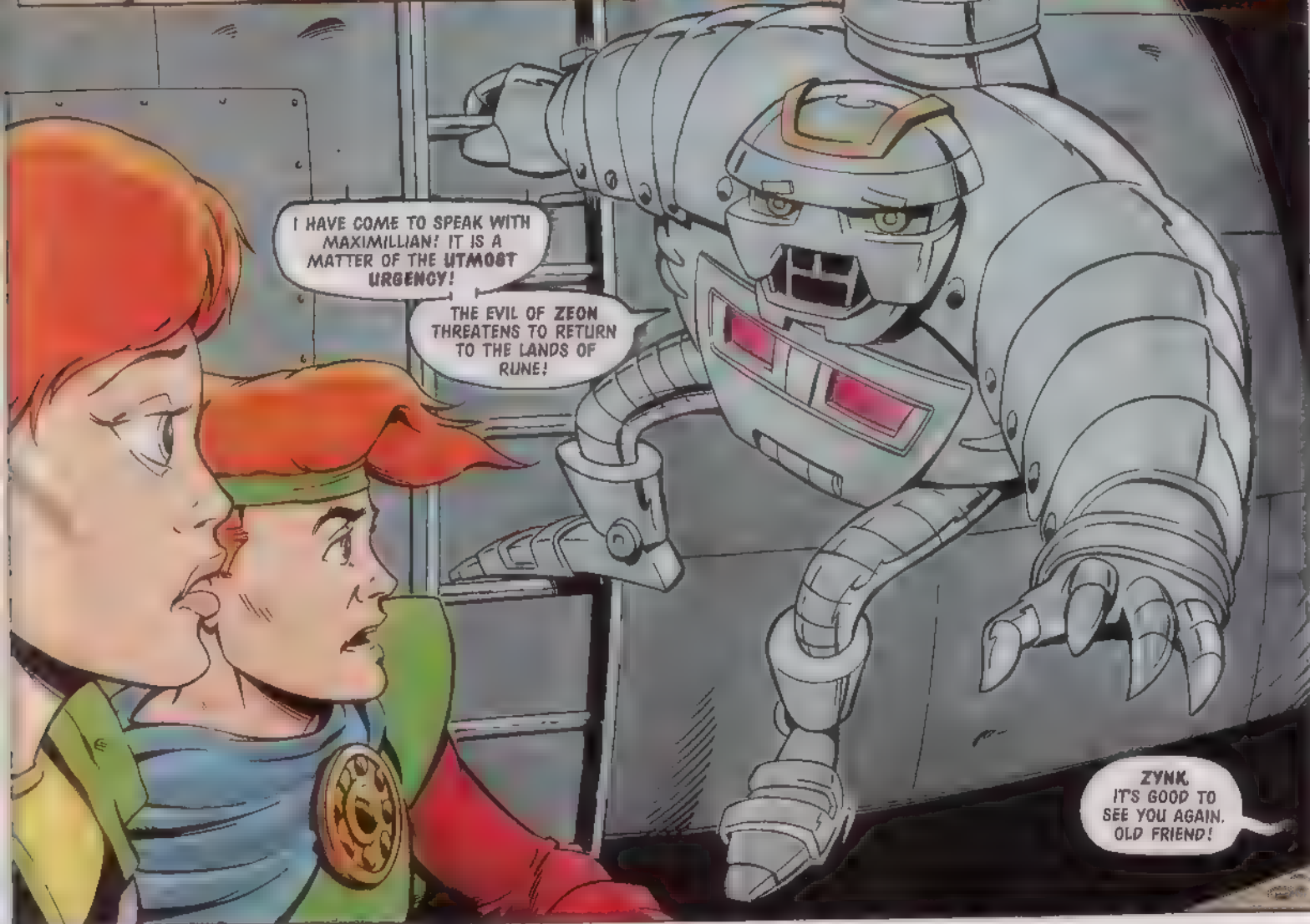
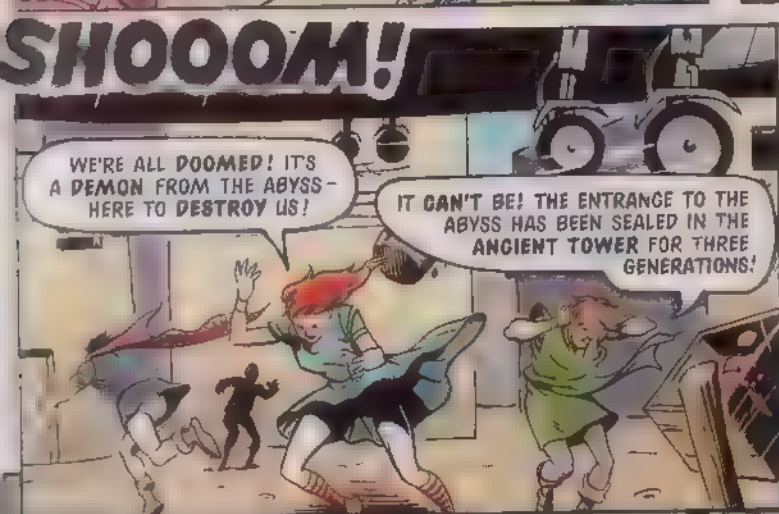
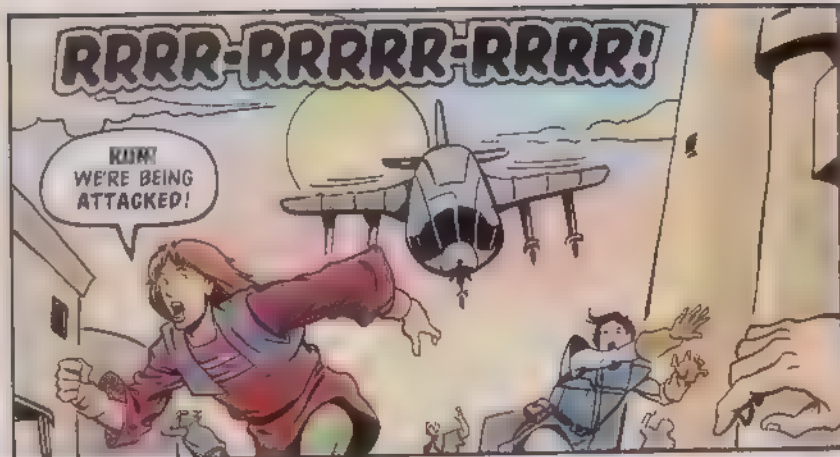
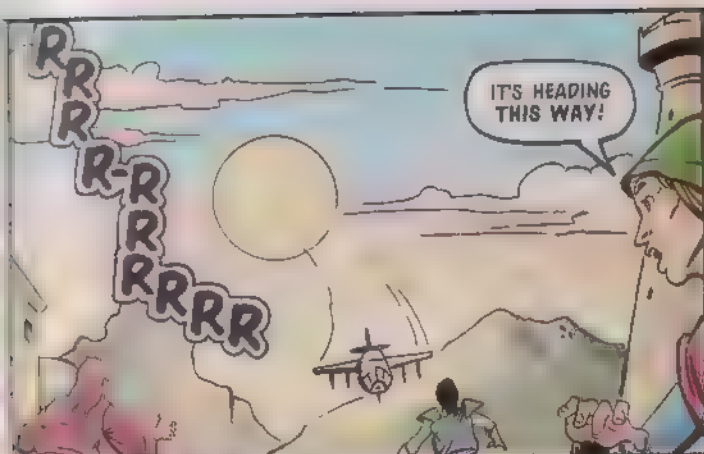
**KRAKK!**











THE EVIL OF ZEON  
THREATENS TO RETURN  
TO THE LANDS OF  
RUNE!

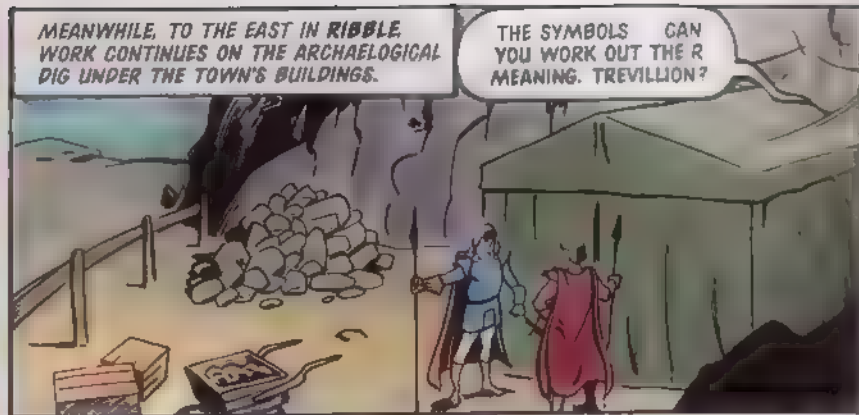
ZYNK,  
IT'S GOOD TO  
SEE YOU AGAIN.  
OLD FRIEND!





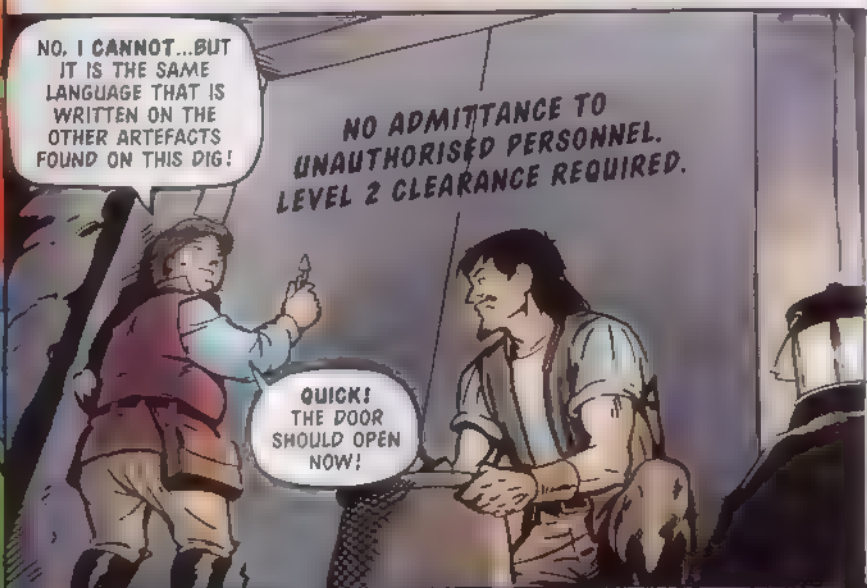
GRANDFATHER!  
YOU SHOULDN'T BE  
OUT HERE. YOU'RE  
TOO SICK!

DON'T FUSS, MY BOY!  
IF ZEON REALLY IS  
ABOUT TO RETURN, THEN  
WE ARE ALL IN GREAT  
DANGER!



MEANWHILE, TO THE EAST IN RIBBLE,  
WORK CONTINUES ON THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
DIG UNDER THE TOWN'S BUILDINGS.

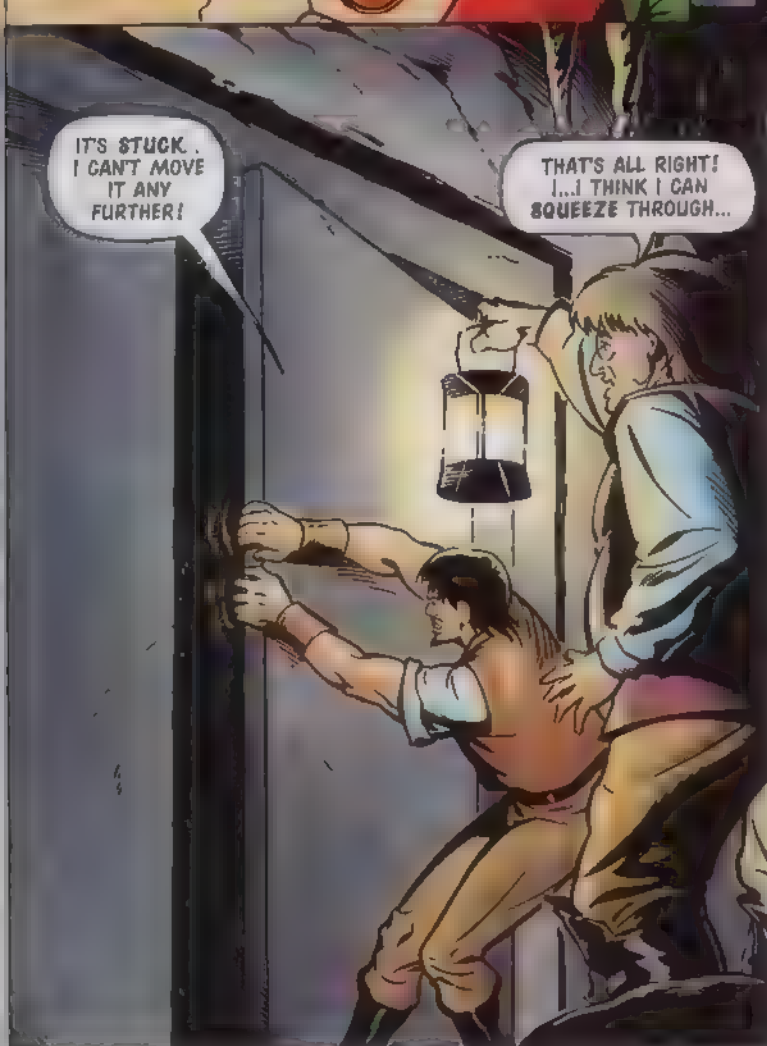
THE SYMBOLS CAN  
YOU WORK OUT THE R  
MEANING. TREVILLION?



NO, I CANNOT...BUT  
IT IS THE SAME  
LANGUAGE THAT IS  
WRITTEN ON THE  
OTHER ARTEFACTS  
FOUND ON THIS DIG!

NO ADMITTANCE TO  
UNAUTHORISED PERSONNEL.  
LEVEL 2 CLEARANCE REQUIRED.

QUICK!  
THE DOOR  
SHOULD OPEN  
NOW!




IT'S STUCK.  
I CAN'T MOVE  
IT ANY  
FURTHER!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT!  
I...I THINK I CAN  
SQUEEZE THROUGH...



TREVILLION!  
CAN YOU  
HEAR ME?





WHAT CAN  
YOU SEE IN  
THERE?

THINGS  
WONDERFUL  
THINGS!

NEXT ISSUE: THE SECRET OF THE ANCIENT TOWER:





# Q ZONE

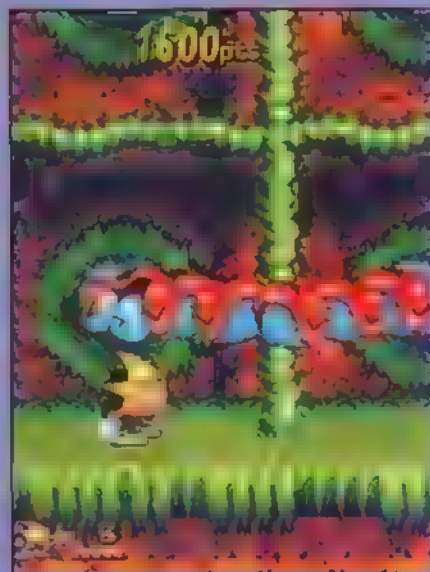
**Q IS FOR QUESTION.**

**Q IS FOR QUERY.**

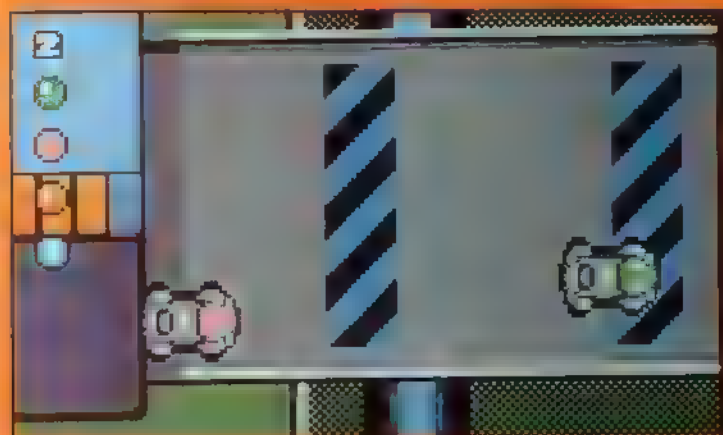
**Q IS FOR QUANDARY.**

IF YOU WANT TO ENTER THE Q ZONE FOR HINTS, TIPS AND HELP WITH YOUR FAVOURITE SEGA GAMES, DROP A LINE TO:-

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Power up your Mega Drive game mode with these shortcuts to success courtesy of Chris Jones.

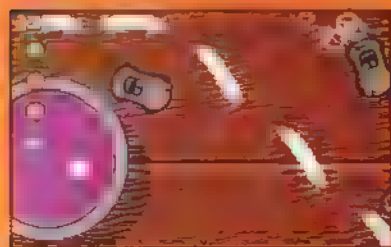


## MICRO MACHINES 2

To get a faster car, pause the game whenever you want and enter; Up, Down, A, B, Left, Right, then hold C and unpause.

If you happen to be playing against a friend who is a champion at this game, do the following:-

Pause the game whenever you want and key in; Left, Down, Up, Down, Right, Down, hold A and Down and then unpause it.



It will now be unbelievably hard playing and you'll laugh at their new found uselessness!



## RISTAR

Forget astronomer Patrick Moore's tips on where to find the big dipper in the sky at night. Instead, take down these tips to make *Ristar* a star game.

On the password screen enter the word **MUSEUM** and you will get a 'Boss Rush' mode where you will take on



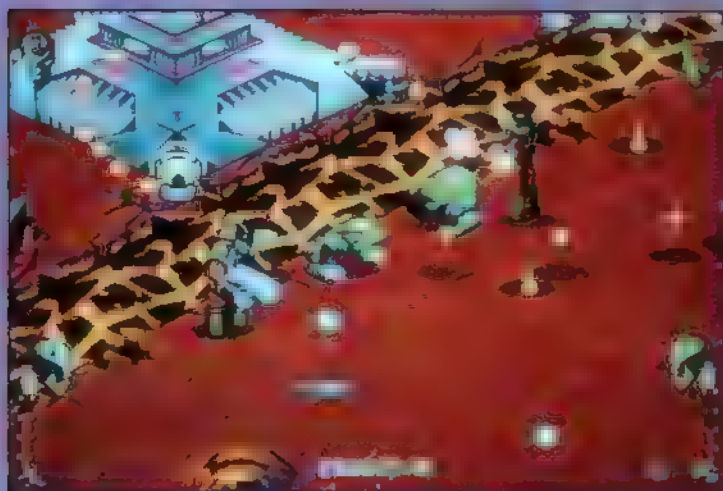


every guardian in the game, one after another. To select whatever level you want to play, enter **ILOVEU** on the password screen.

To get a 'Time Attack' mode where you have to complete the levels as quickly as possible, enter the password **DOFEEL**.

Finally, to play the 'Onchi System' with some crazy options, enter the password **MAGURO**.

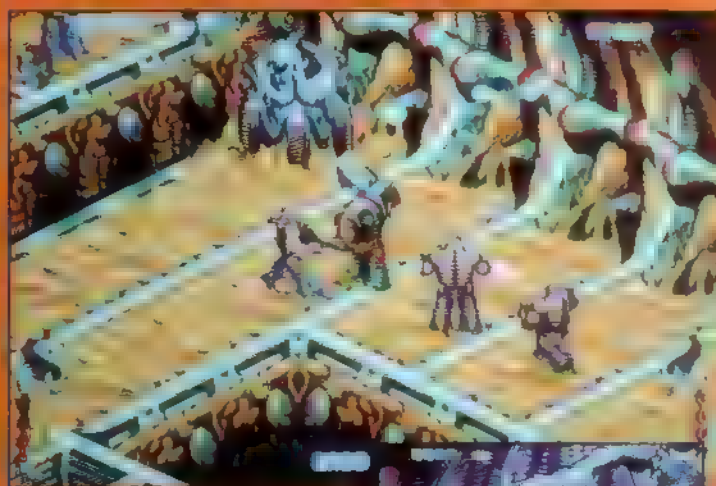
## SKELETON CREW



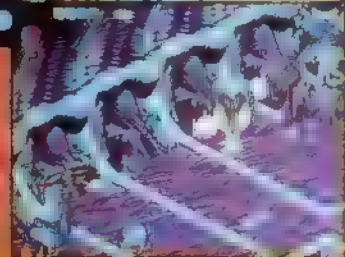
Those poor skeletons don't look well do they? If you've yet to bond with all those bony bods on different levels, this tip will show you how.



Start playing the game and at any time press Start to pause it. Now enter **C, Up, Left, Left, B, A, Right,**



**Down C, Left, Up and B** You can now switch between levels by pressing **Left** or **Right** to skip up and down them.



## THEME PARK



A monster thank you to **STC** fan **Ian Kay** from **Liverpool** who tells me that by entering the code **7AAACAABAA4** you can start this Mega Drive game with 32 million pounds in the bank!



Try this if you want the children to ride your tubing ride in go-karts and the speedway in rubber tubes once you've made a

Speedway or Tubing Ride and you've put the entrance in, turn the other ride off. Now change the track to either Speedway or Tubing and turn it back on.

**NEXT ISSUE: SATURN'S HEADING YOUR WAY!**

**THE END**



# TAILS!

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Coloring:  
MIKE HADLEY

## FOX ON THE RUN

THERE ARE STILL SOME AREAS ON PLANET MOBIUS UNTOUCHED BY THE POLLUTING INFLUENCE OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IN THE PEACEFUL SPRING FLOWER ZONE. TAILS WAS ENJOYING A STROLL UNTIL

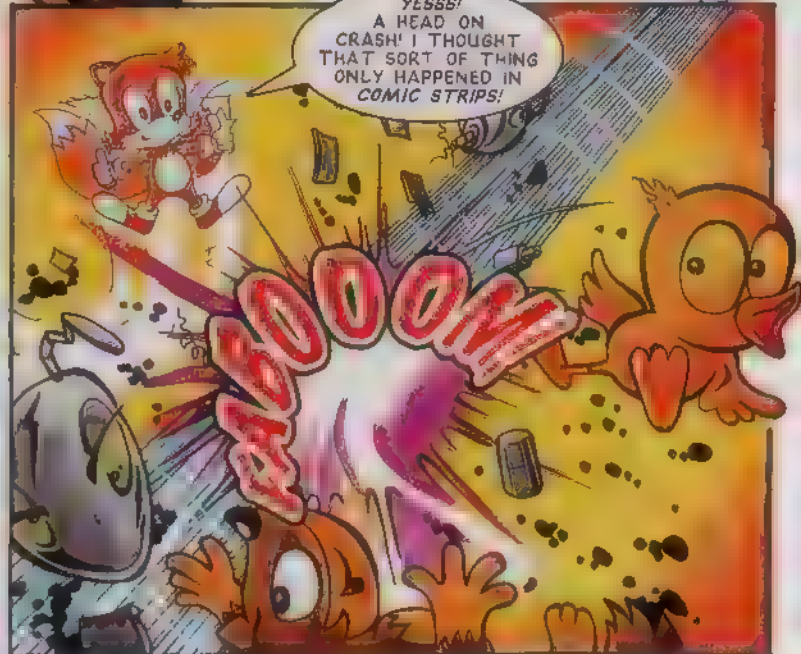
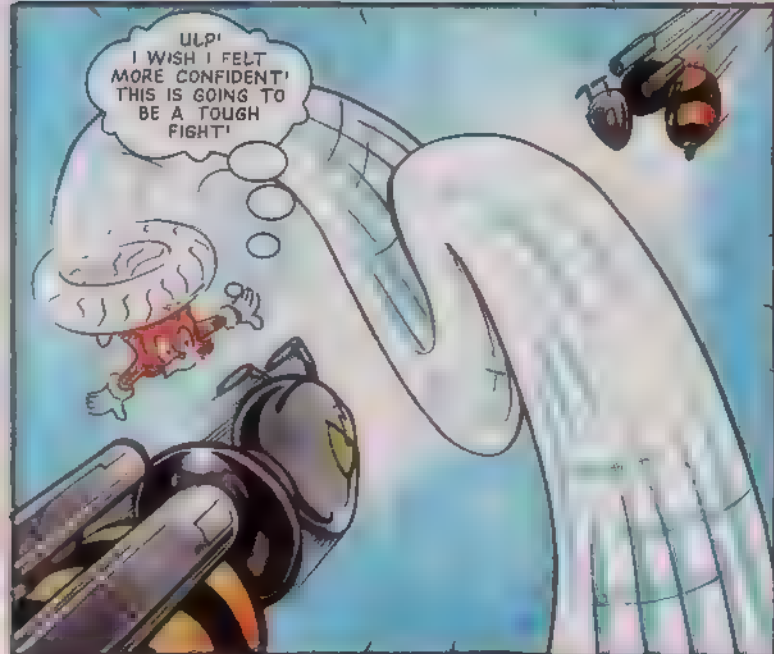
OUTLAW  
SIGHTED!  
DESTROY!

YIKES!  
SO MUCH  
FOR TAKING AN  
AFTERNOON  
OFF!

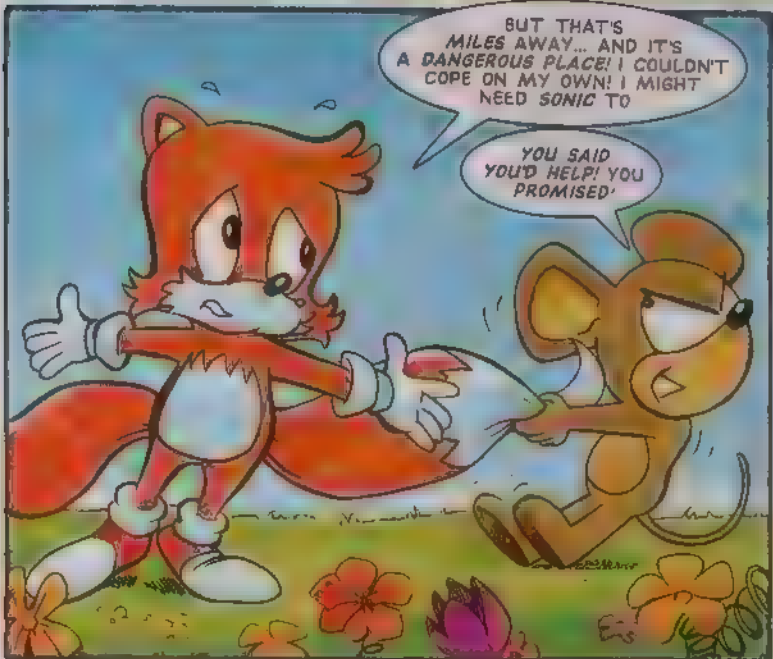
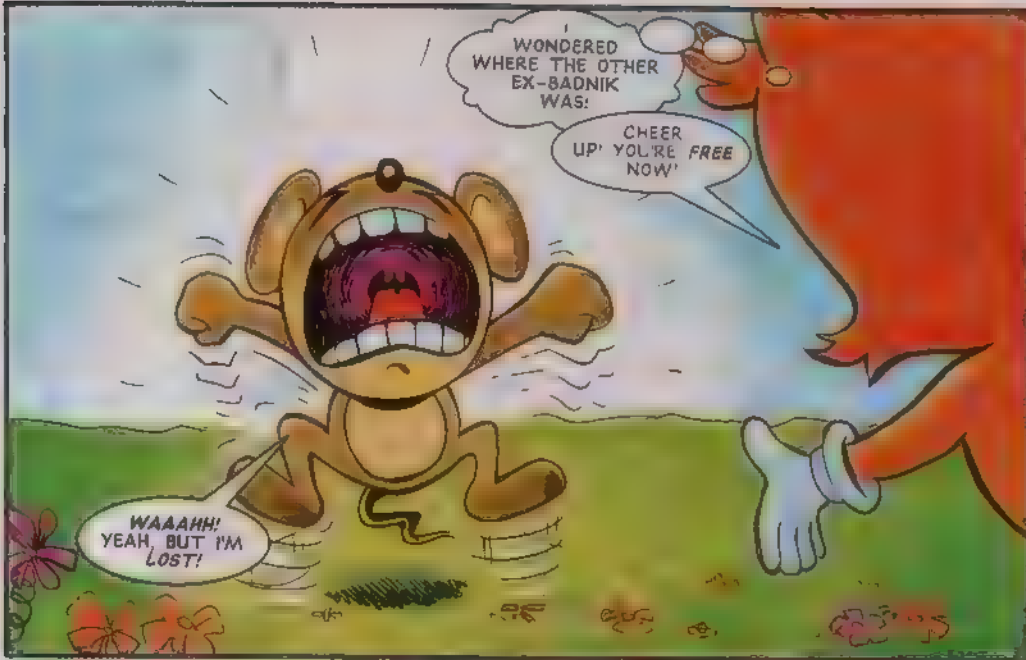
NEW  
STORY















MAH NAME  
IS FLEABYTE THE  
BOUNTY HUNTER, AND AH  
RECKON DOCTOR ROBOTNIK  
WOULD PAY ME A  
FORTUNE FER YOU TWO  
CRITTERS!



OH YEAH?  
WELL, MY PAL  
TAILS IS GONNA  
SORT YOU OUT,  
FANGFACE!

ULP!  
LET'S NOT  
RESIST, TANTRUM!  
HE'S GOT US AT  
GUNPOINT!



CLICK!

YUH  
MUST BE  
TIRED OF LIVIN',  
FOX! TAKE  
THA- uh?



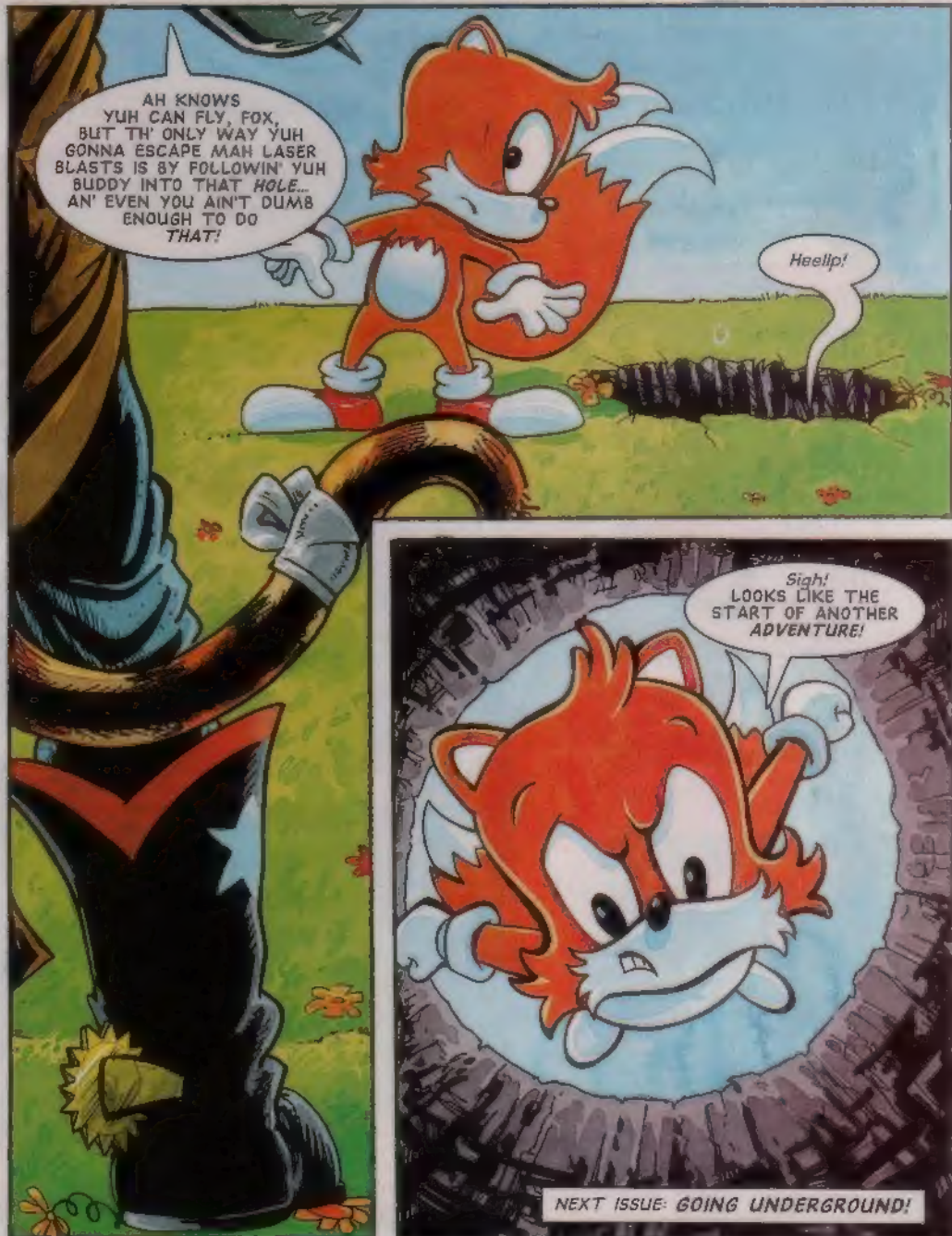
DRAT!  
AH KNEW  
AH SHOULDNA  
BOUGHT A PESKY  
SECOND-HAND  
GUN!

LET'S GO,  
TAILS!



GUESS  
I'LL JUST HAVE  
TO RELY ON MAH OLD  
FAITHFUL LASER  
BLASTER!





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## FEET FOOTISH!

Dear Megadroid,

Would you please answer the following questions ...

- 1) Is Knuckles a girl or a boy?
- 2) Which football team do you support?
- 3) Where are your feet?

Owen Duhig, Leeds.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



1. Yes.
2. Robotenham.
3. Supporting me.

## FUNNY NANNY!

Dear Megadroid,

I don't know why, but my nan just loves the sight of Sonic's face on my slippers. Do you think she's a little over the top?

Andrew Houckham, Kent.

MD Owner.

Please send full address details.

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Maybe they're shiny slippers, Andrew!

## BALL POINT!

Dear Megadroid,

Will Marko's Magic Football be returning for a new story?

James Street, Middleton-by-Wirksworth, Derbyshire.

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The lad played well James, but unfortunately, has taken early retirement from STC.



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